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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/089,242	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KIRINO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> CHENEA P. SMITH	<b>Art Unit</b> 2421	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 December 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3,5,7,8,13,15,16,19 and 21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6,9-12,14,17,18,20,23 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                       | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 12/24/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. In response to Applicants' arguments on page 7, lines 1-2, Applicants should note that in the office action mailed on 9/26/2008, elected claims, and not the non-elected claims, were rejected.
3. In response to Applicants' arguments on page 9, stating, "Examining the relied on sections ... recited in claim 1", and subsequent pages, Applicants should note Kirino, col 1, lines 28-33, col 2, lines 25-61, col 14, line 13 – col 15, line 5 and col 17, lines 14-31.
4. In response to Applicants' arguments on page 11, section 2, stating "Further regarding claim 24, ... recited in claim 24", Applicants should note that Kirino discloses: wherein the transmission device does not transmit the digital modulated wave when the frequency list is not updated within a previously determined period (does not transmit when the list is not updated, the predetermined time being the time it takes for the frequency list to be updated, see col 24, lines 62-67 and col 25, lines 1-12).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 9-12, 14, 17-18, 20 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kirino (of record).

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Regarding claims 1, 10-11, 18 and 23, Kirino discloses a transmission system comprising:

a transmission device (transmission apparatus 101, see Fig. 4) for receiving a list of frequencies (see col 15, lines 30-36) that are judged to be unlikely to cause mutually detrimental disturbance between themselves and the other users who are allowed to use a TV broadcast

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frequency spectrum (see col 15, lines 1-5 and col 17, lines 24-29) by a public institution (see col 1, lines 28-33), and

transmitting a digital modulated wave using frequency in the frequency list (see col 15, lines 46-58), and

a reception device (receiving apparatus 117, see Fig. 4) for receiving the digital modulated wave transmitted from the transmission device (see Fig. 4).

Regarding claims 2 and 12, Kirino discloses the transmission device does not transmit the digital modulated wave when the frequency list is not updated within a previously defined period (does not transmit when the list is not updated, the predetermined time being the time it takes for the frequency list to be updated, see col 24, lines 62-67 and col 25, lines 1-12).

Regarding claims 4, 14 and 20, Kirino discloses the transmission device transmits the digital modulated wave through the air via radio waves, and the reception device receives the digital modulated wave transmitted through the air (see Fig. 4).

Regarding claim 6, Kirino discloses a plurality of the reception devices (transmission/reception apparatuses 201A and 201B, see col 19, lines 14-17).

Regarding claims 9 and 17, Kirino discloses the transmission device and the reception device perform transmission and reception of the digital modulated wave in the same building (see col 1, lines 28-33).

Regarding claim 24, Kirino discloses a transmission reception system (see Fig. 4) comprising:

a frequency list sending device (receiving apparatus 117, see Fig. 4 ) for sending (see col 15, lines 30-36) a list of frequencies (see col 15, lines 30-36) that are judged to be unlikely to

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cause mutually detrimental disturbance between themselves and the other users who are allowed to use a TV broadcast frequency spectrum (see col 15, lines 1-5 and col 17, lines 24-29) by a public institution (see col 1, lines 28-33),

a transmission device (transmission apparatus 101, see Fig. 4) for receiving the frequency list (see col 15, lines 30-36) and transmitting a digital modulated wave using frequency in the frequency list (see col 15, lines 46-58), and

a reception device (receiving apparatus 117, see Fig. 4) for receiving the digital modulated wave transmitted from the transmission device (see Fig. 4),

wherein the transmission device does not transmit the digital modulated wave when the frequency list is not updated within a previously determined period (does not transmit when the list is not updated, the predetermined time being the time it takes for the frequency list to be updated, see col 24, lines 62-67 and col 25, lines 1-12).

### ***Conclusion***

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

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CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHENEA P. SMITH whose telephone number is (571)272-9524. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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